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for the utilization of tax funds paid by the checkoff programs to encourage the construction of a grain alcohol plant, and I was chastised and criticized and maybe justifiably so by individuals who feel very strongly about utilization of tax dollars even though they be checkoff dollars from farmers for the assistance toward private enterprise, and I am just wondering if there is any difference in this. Obviously, there must be because I am sure that some of you whose names were on this bill would never condone the utilization of tax dollars to assist the private industry. Can you explain to me the difference?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Not too much, Senator Schmit. Well, except there is one difference, I would say. The state does not collect tax dollars here and as a matter of fact they are going to have more revenue coming in which we will get into further when we discuss the text of the bill. They are going to have more revenue come into the coffers for each job that goes on line this way than they will ever have going out.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Peterson says if we build an alcohol plant, we can get the credit. Now that is the back-door approach which even Senator Vickers and I can probably agree upon. I think what...I don't quite understand the difference between a tax credit as a business man, a tax I do not have to pay and one which is already collected from me and reimbursed to me.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But I am sure there is a difference and, Senator Hannibal, I am going to study this very thoroughly because it has some very definite flavors that I like and I encourage you and applaud you for getting into this sort of a situation. I am not sure you are going to like it before you get out of it, but I think that as time goes on it is going to have some very interesting ramifications.

PRESIDENT: Amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell would move to amend the Hannibal amendment. (Read the Newell amendment as found on page 1438 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Mr. Speaker. Could we have attention, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the hour is getting late and you have worked hard